**Rationale:** Documenting volume of blood, and collection site on Blood Cultures is a Laboratory Regulatory requirement and is Baptist Policy. Accuracy of culture results is dependent on the volume of blood collected.

**Requirement:** Anyone drawing blood cultures will document the volume of blood and the collection site in the EMR under Specimen Collection, utilizing Positive Patient Identification (PPID) when the sample is drawn.

**Steps for Proper Blood Culture Documentation:**

1) Verify Physician order, gather supplies, scan patient armband, print blood culture labels, collect Blood Culture Specimens and affix labels to bottles as per current specimen collection procedure.

2) Scan first culture bottle to mark as collected. Check mark appears next to the specimen.

3) Highlight the checked specimen, Right click and select “Add Comment”:

4) **Document blood volume and collection site and select “Apply”**. Repeat steps 2-4 for the second bottle, then sign and close Specimen Collection Window. Send specimens to Lab.

To watch a video tutorial of the Blood Culture Specimen Collection process use this link address in your browser to find the video on BlueTube on the Baptist Intranet. https://bhpappsho03_bh.local/vportal/VideoPlayer.jsp?ccsid=C-af629164-05cd-42c6-95ad-aa6faba14406:-1#